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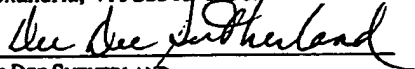
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: QIU, *et al.*
APPLICATION NO.: 09/982,265
FILED: OCTOBER 17, 2001
FOR: IMMUNOLOGICAL TEST KIT WITH
IMMUNOLOGICALLY INVISIBLE CARRIER

EXAMINER: MARY CEPERLEY

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

This paper is filed in response to a non-final office action, mailed on November 17, 2004.

Thus, this response is timely.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants believe the claims are now in condition for allowance. If any additional fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Perkins Coie's Deposit Account No. 50-2586. If anything can be done to further this application, please contact the undersigned at 310-788-9900.

Respectfully submitted,

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